LSTA Grants Awarded
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Digital Imaging- $257,091

Gentry County Library- $45,572
The library will digitize newspapers from Gentry County including the *Albany Capital, King City Chronicle, The Darlington Record,* and *The McFall Domain*. This project will provide access to the region's history, family life, politics, and industrial works that shaped Gentry County and its people.

Inman E. Page Library, Lincoln University- $15,153
The library will digitize photographs and documents of Lincoln University from 1871 to the 1990s. This project will give students, educators, and researchers access to rich original resources about the history of Lincoln University and the history of African American education and historically black colleges and universities in Missouri.

Kansas City Public Library- $49,433
The library will digitize legal and corporate documents, letters and telegrams, editorial cartoons, pamphlets, photographs, sound recordings, and films from the "interwar period" in the Kansas City region. This period was the era of Kansas City's peak accomplishments – and corruption. Project partners who possess major collections from the time period that will be shared for the project include the National Archives at Kansas City, the State Historical Society, University of Missouri-Kansas City, the Black Archives of Mid-America, and the Harry S. Truman Library and Museum.

Shelbina Carnegie Public Library- $15,114
The library will partner with the State Historical Society to digitize eight newspaper titles from 1871 through 1929 related to the history of Shelbina County, Clarence County, Hunnewell County, and Shelby County. Digitization of the papers will allow for greater access to information, such as family life, politics, and industrial advances that shaped these counties, for genealogists, historians and other interested individuals.

St. Joseph Public Library- $34,455
The library requests LSTA funding to digitize several historic newspapers from St. Joseph covering the years 1862 through 1932. The newspapers include the *St. Joseph Herald*, the *St. Joseph Daily Herald*, and the *St. Joseph Observer*. This project will provide access to the region's history, family life, politics, and industrial advances, for genealogists, historians and patrons.

St. Louis Mercantile Library, University of Missouri-St. Louis- $56,663
The library will digitize the John Mason Peck collection. Peck founded more than 900 churches across the American frontier from the 1810s to the 1850s and campaigned for abolition, temperance, and education. The collection contains documents from early Protestant church organizations in rural Missouri and across the nation, diverse materials about social causes

related to race and education, and documents related to the creation of railroads in Missouri and connections to St. Louis from the East. The collection has been appraised by various scholars, and a finding aid was created in 1989 by the National Endowment for the Humanities.

Springfield-Greene County Library District- $40,701
The library will partner with the News Leader Media Group to digitize 7,000 photographs and negatives from the newspaper's photograph archives covering the years 1947 through 1962. These fifteen years represent a crucial period of development and growth in Springfield and the Ozarks. Digitization of these images will greatly enhance access to the collection for those interested in regional history, public research, and other special projects.

Library Service Improvement Grant- $5,112

Brentwood Public Library- $5,112
The library proposes to implement makerspace programming to facilitate literacy in STEM fields for children and teens. The library will create two different clubs: The Big Ideas Club for children in elementary school and ITS (Innovative Teens) for teens. The two clubs will provide children and teens with technology such as Makey Makeys, Lego WeDo, Mindstorms, and Littlebits to encourage participants to creatively and pragmatically explore areas of the STEM fields.

Racing to Read- $151,783

Cameron Public Library- $7,138
The library will partner with Parents As Teachers services, the local Women, Infants and Children offices, the First Steps Program, and the local school district's early learning preschools to promote early literacy by providing early literacy programs, materials, activities, and books. The family early literacy events will include reading a story using early literacy skill development techniques, doing activities to complement the book, and providing a book to each family in attendance so they can practice the skills demonstrated at home.

Cape Girardeau Public Library- $18,000
The library will enhance its existing early literacy collection, and provide early literacy events at the library and five workshops at partnering locations. At the early literacy events, patrons will participate in reading stories using early literacy skill development techniques, do activities to complement the book, and receive a book to practice the early literacy skills demonstrated while at home. In addition, the library will provide a workshop for caregivers of young children featuring an early literacy childhood consultant.

Carthage Public Library- $9,600
The library will partner with the Carthage School District, the local Head Start, the Literacy Council of Carthage, St. Ann's Catholic School, and the Steadley Trust to reach high risk English language learners by providing bilingual storytimes and other early literacy events at the library,

and enhancing the existing early literacy collection to encourage “play” and promote symbolic development.

Daniel Boone Regional Library- $12,520
The library will promote early literacy in the community by using the five early literacy practices of talking, singing, reading, writing, and playing as part of their early literacy programming. These programs will include five “messy time” educational programs for preschool children and their families and three early literacy training sessions for child care providers and parents. In addition, the library will redesign its early literacy resource booklet which includes tactile early literacy activities and materials for caregivers and parents.

Doniphan-Ripley County Library- $8,803
The library will expand the early literacy section of the library, provide ten family early literacy events, and expand its in-house storytimes. Of the ten early literacy events, four will be held at partnering locations and six will be held at the Doniphan and the Naylor branches. The early literacy events will share skills taught in the early literacy trainings with parents and caregivers. Each family who attends will receive a book for their home library and early literacy materials to use at home.

Kirkwood Public Library- $9,866
The library will partner with Robinson Elementary Preschool and the YWCA Headstart/Educare Young Learning Center to provide five outreach storytimes. Of the five outreach storytimes, three will be presented by a professional storyteller. In addition, the library will provide an early literacy training targeting youth librarians and preschool teachers and hold in-house Saturday storytimes. Families that participate in the storytimes will each receive a book to assist in creating or expanding home libraries.

Mid-Continent Public Library- $5,800
The library requests funds to support a pilot program with the Independence School District’s Early Education Center to facilitate the development of early literacy family practices and assist in creating home libraries. The library will work with the center to provide sessions to teen parents that focus on early literacy skills and techniques. Each week teen parents and their children will receive a book to take home to use to reinforce the early literacy skills taught in the session and to build or expand home libraries. Additionally, the library will provide two family literacy and storytime trainings to its youth and family services library staff.

Neosho/Newton County Library- $6,406
The library will promote early literacy within the community by partnering with the Neosho R-5 School District, the Westview School District, and the YMCA to provide early literacy family nights. The family literacy nights will share skills taught in the early literacy staff trainings with parents and caregivers. The library will also provide two in-house presentations focusing on early literacy for families. Of the two early literacy presentations, one will be held at the Neosho branch and one will be held at the Seneca branch. Participating families will receive a book to practice the skills learned while at home.

Riverside Regional Library- $8,377
The library will promote early literacy within the community by enhancing its early literacy section of the library, expanding its toddler storytimes to include summer months, and conducting outreach programs at local area schools. The outreach events will include reading a story using early literacy skill development techniques, doing activities to complement the book, and providing a book to each family in attendance so they can practice the skills demonstrated at home.

Scenic Regional Library- $5,339
The library will promote early literacy within the community by strengthening its partnerships with the local health departments through providing early literacy materials. The library will also provide a Racing to Read literacy class for local preschools, daycares, and parents, and follow up with storytimes focusing on play, reading, singing, and writing for children. To make it easier for parents to participate in storytimes, the library will enhance its storytimes at the Sullivan branch to incorporate PowerPoint presentations.

St. Joseph Public Library- $20,000
The library will provide fourteen early literacy events for families, children, caregivers, and daycare providers. Each event will incorporate early literacy techniques and provide each family with a book and craft ideas to use at home to reinforce the skills learned. In addition, the library will enhance the existing early literacy collections to better meet patron demands and needs.

St. Louis Public Library- $20,000
The library will promote early literacy within the community by targeting families with children ages two through five through outreach programs to preschools; in-house programing that includes storytimes and hands-on Exploration Stations for preschool children; and enhancing the early literacy section of the library to include additional early literacy stations. The library will also provide workshops to parents that incorporate early literacy skill development techniques, and early literacy trainings for staff.

University City Library- $19,934
The library will promote early literacy within the community by expanding its outreach programs for local child care agencies, providing preschool/toddler storytimes, holding two educational programs, and enhancing the existing early literacy collections to keep children interested in learning. Each program will incorporate early literacy techniques and provide each family with a book and craft kit for use at home to reinforce the skills learned.

Spotlight on Literacy- $61,937

Cape Girardeau Public Library- $4,842
The library aims to improve its services to people with special needs. The library will accomplish this goal by providing trainings to staff that focus on increasing the awareness of the needs of

people with specials needs and providing service strategies for working with this group; providing in-house and outreach programming to people and organizations serving this population; and obtaining materials, supplies, technology, and software that better serve patrons with special needs.

Carthage Public Library- $10,000
The library aims to enhance its services to patrons seventeen and older who are non-native English speakers. The library will accomplish this goal by providing programs that focus on English as a second language and linking to other programs of interest to this group, such as financial literacy, job training, voter registration, and driver training. In addition, the library will provide a course on the naturalization and citizenship exam process.

Columbia Public Schools- $10,000
The library requests funds to continue to support a part-time program manager for the Columbia Reads program. The Columbia Reads program offers myON, a personalized digital reading platform, to families with children ages 5 years and younger who live in Columbia, Missouri. The program manager will be responsible for program development and implementation, strategic marketing, and the creation of partnerships to facilitate program awareness and encourage usage.

Kansas City Public Library- $6,116
The library will hold a ten week literacy program targeting the refugee community by providing training sessions that focus on writing resumes, completing job and school applications, setting goals, and creating action plans. Ultimately, the library aims to teach participants how to set and reach their professional goals through digital storytelling, targeted English acquisition, and the use of established library resources.

Kansas City Public Library- $9,185
In partnership with Rockhurst University, the library will use tabletop games to provide three phases of literacy programs for youths ages twelve through eighteen. The library will use game play to teach participants storytelling, time management, teamwork, and organizational skills. The first phase of the program will focus on instilling leadership and communication skills; the second phase will focus on thinking skills and mathematical literacy; and the final phase will focus on developing job readiness.

Mid-Continent Public Library- $12,382
The library will enhance its Creation Station project by incorporating green screen technology. Creation Stations provide patrons with the tools and training to learn and explore the world of content creation. The library will continue to provide Creation Station programs at the Boardwalk, Blue Springs North, and Excelsior Spring branches. Companion programing will also be made available for branches electing to utilize the library's mobile Creation Stations.

St. Louis County Library- $9,412
The library will provide a series of multicultural programs that focus on the diversity of St. Louis and how this is a strength for the community. The library aims to give residents in the St. Louis area a better understanding and appreciation of various cultures in the region through exploring a wide variety of identities, cultures, races, and ethnicities.

Technology Ladder Grants: $222,532

Barry Lawrence Regional Library- $15,491
The library will replace twenty desktop computers and five black and white printers that are near the end of life to improve response time for patrons; provide a faster, more efficient platform for staff; and improve customer satisfaction.

Cass County Library- $11,742
The library will upgrade the technology infrastructure at its Harrisonville branch to better meet patron needs and demands by replacing twenty-one computers and monitors that are used in the library's computer lab. The current computers are running obsolete operating systems. In addition, the library will add one videoconferencing camera to provide audio/visual web conferencing capabilities in its computer lab.

De Soto Public Library- $9,720
The library will replace eight desktop public access computers and monitors that are near the end of life. In addition, the library will replace four standard tables with handicap accessible tables for use with the computer stations. This project will improve the performance of the technology services offered to the patrons of the library and better meet patron demand.

Dulany Memorial Library- $6,401
The library will enhance its learning environment for children by adding two early literacy stations to the library. The library will also replace an obsolete printer.

Joplin Public Library- $12,300
The library requests funds to redesign its aging website. The current website does not meet the demands and expectations of the library or its patrons. The new website will enhance user experience and allow for the integration of more social media components.

Kirkwood Public Library- $13,448
To better meet patron demand and expectations, the library will upgrade its technology infrastructure by replacing eight desktop computers and four early literacy stations that are becoming obsolete. The new technology will provide more reliable services to patrons and improve patron satisfaction.

Marion County Library District- $8,408
The library will replace six desktop computers and two laptop computers that are near the end of life with new computers, laptops, and software. Of the six computers being replaced, five of the computers will be used for public access, and one will be used in the circulation area. The two laptops will be used as staff computers.

Mid-Continent Public Library- $28,609
The library will add fifteen early literacy stations throughout the district. A needs assessment was conducted to determine which branches would support and benefit the most from additional early literacy stations. These stations provide families with access to digital learning content.

Missouri River Regional Library- $12,184
The library will upgrade its training lab by replacing sixteen laptop computers that are running obsolete operating systems with new laptops. By replacing the laptops, the library will improve response time for patrons, allow new computer classes to be taught, and improve customer satisfaction.

St. Charles City-County Library- $32,500
The library aims to make its current website more flexible for updating, improve user experience, streamline navigation for visitors, improve search capabilities, and provide more interactive features by updating its website.

St. Joseph Public Library- $17,500
The library will use grant funds to redesign its website. The redesign of the website will be ADA compliant, mobile responsive, easier for staff members to maintain, allow for more flexible access by patrons, and include a teen section and site map which are both lacking in the library's current website.

St. Louis County Library- $29,760
The library requests funds to redesign its website, which is seven years old. The current website no longer meets patron expectations and needs. Upgrading the website will provide patrons with better access to the library's digital services, including events, eResources, and online catalogs.

Texas County Library- $24,469
The library will upgrade its technology infrastructure to better meet patron needs and demands by replacing twenty-five computers that are running obsolete operating systems. Of the twenty-five computers to be purchased, fourteen desktop computers will be used for public access, two will be used as circulation computers, two will be used as staff computers, two will be used as catalog computers, and one will be used with a print release station. In addition, the library will add four desktop computers to be used as servers for the library's branches.